

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m. Cantor: Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

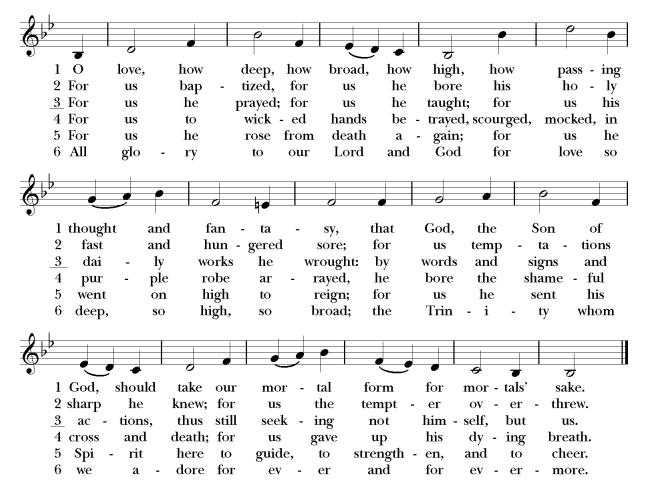
A New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

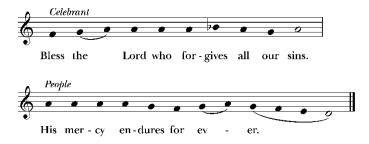
Hymn

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: Deus tourum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

The Penitential Order



The Celebrant may say a sentence of scripture. The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

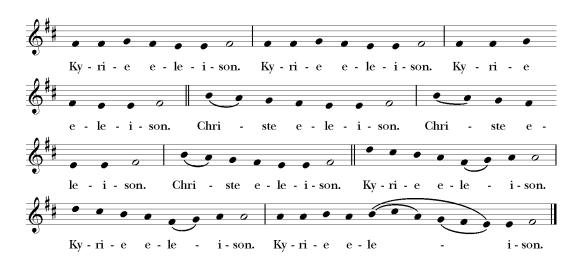
Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie



The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People Celebrant And also with you.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32: 1-6, 11-12



Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord im-putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. *Refrain*

Then I ac-knowledged my sin to you, and did not con-ceal my guilt.

I said "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Be glad you righteous and re-joice in the Lord; shout for joy all who are true of heart. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation Bernadette Farrell

The People stand. The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ingus to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Cantor You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; You are the Word who leads us into light; You are the Word who brings us through the desert: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

All repeat the refrain.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

★ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Mo. Turner

The People stand for the Nicene Creed and the Prayers.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People remain standing. This response is used after each petition

Lord of compassion.

People In your mercy, hear us.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says this Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

Amen. People

The Celebrant says

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Greetings

The Peace

The People stand.

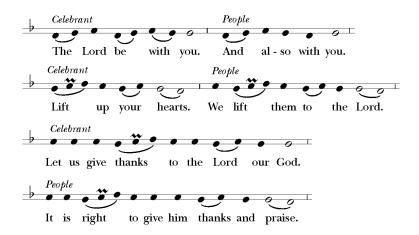


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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A



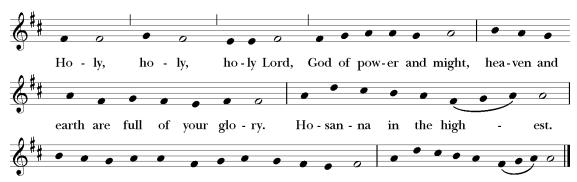
The Celebrant sings the Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

People

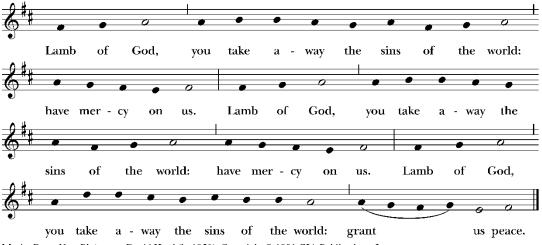
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then is said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant and People



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Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn ST. AGNES



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Taizé Chant Jacques Berthier

This chant is repeated quietly.



Let us pray.

The People stand. Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

During Lent, the Blessing is replaced by a solemn prayer. The Celebrant says

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following: George Arents, Sarah Remsen Burnham, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Litany and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Sermon by The Rev. Gina Gore,

Chaplain of The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine Followed by a piano and organ recital by Jeremy Filsell, Organist and Director of Music

Monday - Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Wednesday – David, Bishop Patron of Wales 12 p.m. The Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday – Chad, Bishop 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Friday

8 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place between the 8am and Noon services on Friday mornings throughout Lent.

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel *Confessor: The Rector*

11:30 a.m. Rosary* at the Shrine of our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Next Sunday: March 5, Second Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

sung by the Noble Singers especially suitable for Children and Families followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Fr. Gioia

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sunday Evensong Sermon Series on The Beatitudes: "Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted."

Sermon by The Rev. John Beddingfield, Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity, NYC Followed by a piano recital with Luis Lopez Ramos, Canary Islands

PARISH NOTICES

The Pilgrims' Course continues Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. A hot meal is provided from 6:30 p.m. This annual educational and fellowship series explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and particularly suited to those who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or become members. Each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. This week's topic will be "The Holy Bible: The Word of the Lord." To discover more about topics, schedule, and to register, please visit: www.saintthomaschurch.org/rector/the-pilgrims-course

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11 a.m. service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

The **Bookstore and Giftshop** is open Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. Please access the shop via the Parish House entrance round the corner at 1 West 53rd Street. New in stock: Fr. Luigi Gioia books, "Saint Benedict's Wisdom", "Say it to God: In Search of Prayer: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018", "Touched by God: The way to contemplative prayer"; "Divine New York Inside the Historic Churches & Synagogues" by Michael Horowitz & Elizabeth Anne Hartman; and many books for Lent & Easter, devotional items, and beautiful gifts.

Weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 1 p.m. Fr. Schultz leads a series of sessions that will serve as a deep dive into the Gospel of John. Join us as we continue our exploration of the Book of Signs (John 1:18 through chapter 12). For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz at MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School is accepting applications from boys currently in grades 2-5 for admission to the 2023-2024 academic year. The school exists to nurture and educate the approximately 30 boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented boys come from Michigan to Texas, and Massachusetts to Virginia, and even Manhattan. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Ruth Cobb, rcobb@choirschool.org.

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., Concerts at Saint Thomas presents concert organist Olivier Latry for an evening of Wagner transcriptions, paired with Widor's Symphony for Organ, No. 5. Please visit our website for tickets and more information.

Support Concerts at Saint Thomas by becoming a Friend of Music. To make your donation with our team, call 212-664-9360 or email concerts@saintthomaschurch.org.

Children and Families: Sunday School and Nursery have resumed! We meet in the Sunday School room after the 9 a.m. service. To learn more or get your children involved, **sign up** for our weekly newsletter, with details of programs and activities for 2023: Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-12, under the Direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sundays during the program year. We welcome new singers at any time! No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

For the first part of this year, we continue our **2023 Annual Appeal: Invitation, Community, Discipleship**. You can make a pledge via the QR code below to be taken to the website or email giving@saintthomaschurch.org. Every pledge makes a difference.



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